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PATENT

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Applicant: Nelson, et al
Patent No.: 6,839,596
Filed: February 21, 2002
Docket No.: A261-USA
Title: MAGNET CONTROL SYSTEM FOR BATTERY POWERED LIVING TISSUE STIMULATORS

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Dear Sir:

The attached Certificate of Correction corrects multiples errors found in 3 classes:

1. Publication clerical errors - see col. 4, line 49
col. 5, line 38
col. 7, line 49
col. 12, line 3
col. 16, steps 4 and 5
col. 26, line 48

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2. Publication error on the Title Page related to the added inventor as supported by the submissions noted in PAIR on 3/15/04 (Oath or Declaration Filed), 5/27/04 (Oath or Declaration Filed, Petition

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Entered), and 8/16/04 (Amendment after final or under 37 CFR 1.312, initialed by the examiner); copies of which are all found in Appendix A.

3. Clerical/grammatical errors by the Applicants as found in col. 3, lines 24-25 and in claims 24 (col. 29, line 2) and 25 (col. 30, line 7) which reflect similar errors that were corrected in collaboration with the Examiner on 07/21/04 via an Examiner's Amendment (see the attached internal memo in Appendix B).

Finally, Applicants hereby request a corrected Grant that names all three inventors.

The PTO is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account 50-0692 a fee of \$100 under 37 CFR 1.20(a) for processing this Certificate of Correction.

If there are any questions regarding these corrections, please call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (661) 702-6700 to discuss the steps necessary for processing this Certificate of Correction in an expeditious manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION



PATENT NO. : 6,839,596
 DATED : 1/4/2005
 INVENTOR(S) : Nelson, et al.

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title page, Item (75), should read as follows:

--(75) Richard J. Nelson, Canyon Country, CA (US); Joseph H. Schulman, Santa Clarita, CA (US); Joseph N. Walker, Canyon Country, CA (US)--

Col. 3, lines 24-25 to read as follows:

--having a plurality of implanted devices within the application of a magnetic programmer proximate to one of the--

Col. 4, line 49 to read as follows:

--'284 patent, potential implanted devices 100 (see also the--

Col. 5, line 38 to read as follows:

--implantable devices 100 operable to sense and/or stimulate a--

Col. 7, line 49 to read as follows:

--Pulse Frequency (PPS): 1 to 5000 PPS in nominally 30% steps--

Col. 12, line 3 to read as follows:

--magnetic field point from 0 to 0' (see vertical dashed line--

Col. 16, Steps No. 4 and 5 of example to read as follows:

--4. Select Mode	Following steps 2 and 3, hand magnetic programmer surface 1042 is placed on the skin for 2 seconds and then removed for 2 to 3 seconds.	Implantable device 100 responds and sets Pulse Burst mode.
5. Set Parameter	Following step 4, hand magnetic programmer surface 1042 is placed on the skin and held	Implantable device 100 responds and cycles through Pulse Burst sequences stepping from one to the next--

Col. 26, line 48 to read as follows:

--configured for modifying and/or sensing a patient's body--

Col. 29, line 2 to read as follows:

--threaded cavity wherein said inner threaded cavity is--

Col. 30, line 7 to read as follows:

--cavity wherein said inner cavity is formed to--

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APPENDIX A

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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application
English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

MAGNET CONTROL SYSTEM FOR BATTERY POWERED LIVING TISSUE STIMULATORS

the specification of which
(check one)

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on February 21, 2002 as United States Application No. or PCT International
Application Number 10/080,881
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(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U. S. C. Section 120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C. F. R., Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. *(list name and registration number)*

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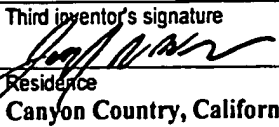
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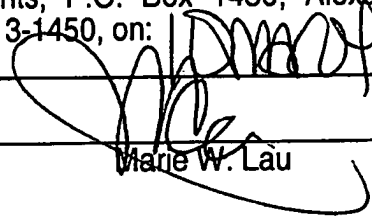
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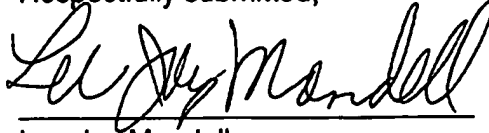
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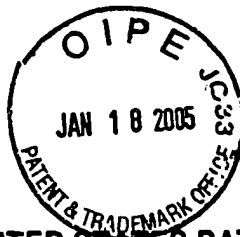
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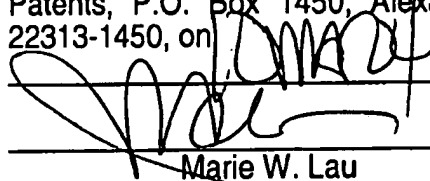
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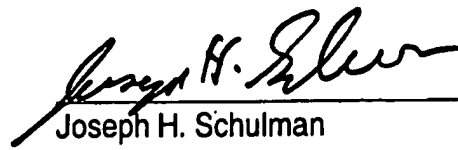
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a), Assignee hereby notifies the Commissioner that they are the Assignee of the referenced patent and that the Petition to correct inventorship in the above-identified patent application is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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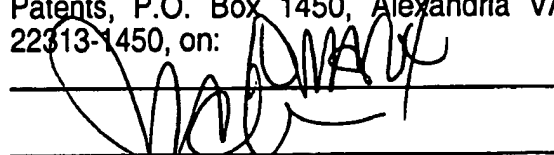
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**DECLARATION OF JOSEPH H. SCHULMAN IN SUPPORT OF A
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Dear Sir:

I, Joseph H. Schulman, state and declare:

1. I am an employee of the Alfred E. Mann Foundation for Scientific Research and I am an originally named inventor in the present application, US patent application, Magnet Control System For Battery Powered Living Tissue Stimulators, 10/080,881, filed February 21, 2002 (the "original application").

2. Richard J. Nelson has reported to me that as part of his work for the Alfred E. Mann Foundation for Scientific Research, he periodically met with Joseph Walker prior to, and after, the filing of the original application. During at least one of these meetings, he discussed the implementation of cylindrical subject matter of the invention disclosed

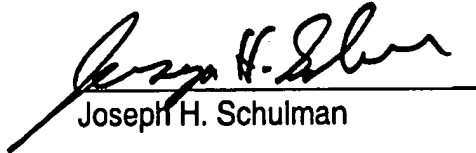
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3. Neither the Alfred E. Mann Foundation for Scientific Research nor I had any deceptive intent in not naming Joseph Walker as an inventor in the original application.

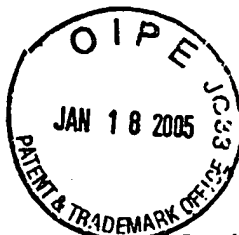
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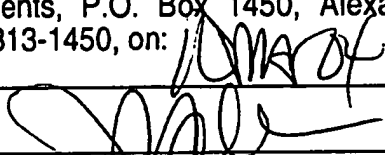
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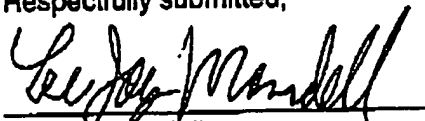
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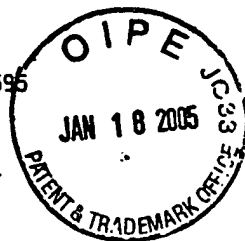
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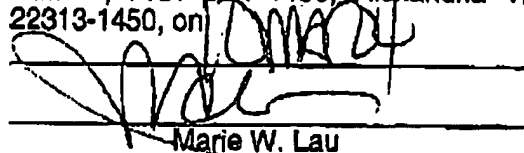
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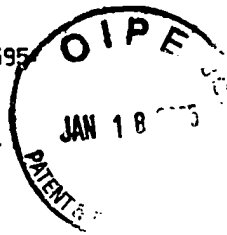
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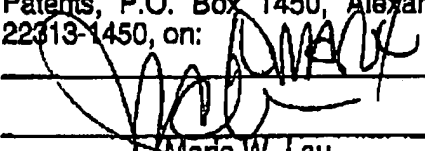
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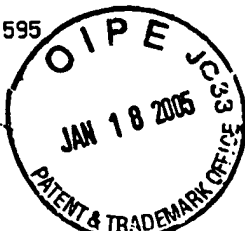
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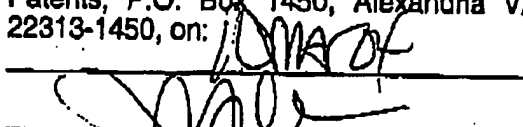
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**DECLARATION OF RICHARD J. NELSON IN SUPPORT OF A
PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)**

Dear Sir:

I, Richard J. Nelson, state and declare:

1. I am an employee of the Alfred E. Mann Foundation for Scientific Research and I am an originally named inventor in the present application, US patent application, Magnet Control System For Battery Powered Living Tissue Stimulators, 10/080,881, filed February 21, 2002 (the "original application").

2. As part of my work for the Alfred E. Mann Foundation for Scientific Research, I periodically met with Joseph Walker prior to, and after, the filing of the original application. During at least one of these meetings, we discussed the implementation of cylindrical subject matter of the invention disclosed in the original application and

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related subject matter and a drawing was provided in the filing of the original application. We subsequently discussed the scope of the claimed invention and as a result of these meetings, the claims 3, 33, and 52 have been amended and claims 55-63 have been added. Accordingly, I now believe that Mr. Walker is clearly an inventor in that which is claimed in the present application.

3. Neither the Alfred E. Mann Foundation for Scientific Research nor I had any deceptive intent in not naming Joseph Walker as an inventor in the original application.

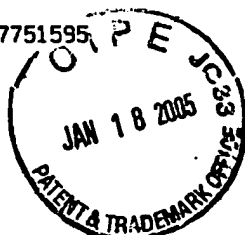
4. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further that these statements are made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION OF JOSEPH N. WALKER IN SUPPORT OF A
PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)

Dear Sir:

I, Joseph W. Walker, state and declare:

1. I am an employee of the Alfred E. Mann Foundation for Scientific Research and I was not an originally named inventor in the present application, US patent application, Magnet Control System For Battery Powered Living Tissue Stimulators, 10/080,881, filed February 21, 2002 (the "original application").
2. As part of my work for the Alfred E. Mann Foundation for Scientific Research, I periodically met with Richard J. Nelson prior to, and after, the filing of the original application. During at least one of these meetings, we discussed the implementation of cylindrical subject matter of the invention disclosed in the original application and related subject matter and a drawing was provided in the filing of the original

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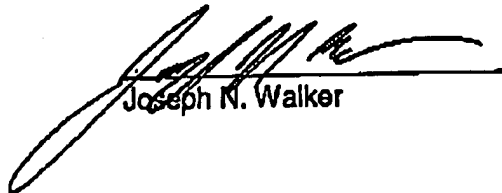
application. We subsequently discussed the scope of the claimed invention and as a result of these meetings, the claims 3, 33, and 52 have been amended and claims 55-63 have been added. Accordingly, I now believe that am an inventor in that which is claimed in the present application.

3. Neither the Alfred E. Mann Foundation for Scientific Research nor I had any deceptive intent in not being named as an inventor in the original application, i.e., pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(a)(2) that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on my part.

4. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further that these statements are made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a), Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to correct inventorship in the above-identified patent application. As supported by the previously enclosed declarations of Richard J. Nelson and Joseph H. Schulman and the consent of the assignee (copies attached), applicants, without deceptive intent, incorrectly named the inventors in the declaration filed in the parent application, Magnet Control System For Battery Powered Living Tissue Stimulators, 10/080,881, filed February 21, 2002.

Pursuant to the Office Action date 05/26/2004, an additional declaration is filed with this paper by Joseph N. Walker, the person being added as an inventor, that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his part.

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APPENDIX B

Memorandum



To: File

From: Lee Mandell *LM*

Date: 7/22/2004

Re: A261-USA

Examiner's Interview

In response to my review of the proposed claim set for the EP version of this matter, I noted four minor typographical errors in the proposed claims. I determined that these typographical errors existed in the US application as well which is in the final stages of allowance (subject to an Ex Parte Quayle).

Accordingly, I contacted Examiner Getzow to discuss this matter. Two issues were discussed:

(1) To ask him to correct these errors via an Examiner's Amendment. With my assurance that these were typographical errors that did not effect the scope of the claims, he seemed amenable to making the changes. The changes are:

(a) Claims 55 and 58, line 6, change "thread" to – threaded--.

(b) Claims 57 and 60, line 6, delete "thread".

(2) We discussed that I had submitted a response to the Ex Parte Quayle on 05/27/04 and he stated that this response should have come up on his docket system by now. He will look into moving this matter forward.